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- 25X1 1. [] about 2,000 Tibetan militiamen, including approximately 1,400 infantry and 500 cavalry troops, were inspected by the Tibetan Militia Headquarters of the Choni (N 34-39, E 103-12) Autonomous Area.¹ Following the inspection, CHOU Hsiang-ch'u (0719/4382/0443), deputy commander of the Kansu Military District, told the militia, which was under the command of YANG Fu-hsing (2799/1788/5281), that in order to achieve stability and peace in the Tibetan Autonomous Area, it was necessary to eliminate the partisans of MA Pu-fang.
- 25X1 2. The Kansu Military District gave 200 rifles to the Tibetan militia and declared [] the time for the militia to start its anti-guerrilla operations.

25X1 [] Comment. The Choni Area, which is inhabited principally by Tibetans, is south of Linhsia (N 35-36, E 103-03), west of Minhsien (N 34-29, E 104-01), and northwest of Hsiku (N 33-48, E 104-22), in the border area of Kansu, Tsinghai, and Szechuan.

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